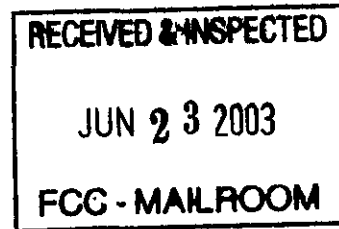




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**Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS**

This is to certify that North State Telephone Company, d/b/a North State Communications ("the company"), will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for the study area under the common control of the company, and which is listed below.

Signed,

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